Application Number 10/597,995 REQUEST For Filing Date 07/02/07 **CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** TRANSMITTAL First Named Inventor: Van Essen Address to: Art Unit: 4177 MAIL STOP RCE Examiner Name: Mohammad Yusuf **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS** Confirmation No.: 8930 P. O. BOX 1450 **ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450** Attorney Docket No. 031707/315410 (Revised 01/2003) This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed 1. unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). ☐ Previously submitted i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. Other b. Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449 iv. Other 2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 §1.103(c) for a period of

months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

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Other

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3.	Fees filed.	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is <u>required</u> by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 <u>when</u> the RCE is
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

i. \boxtimes RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$810.00 large entity; \$405.00 small entity)

ii. 🗵 Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.

Other

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b. □ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

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